

STATE OF DELAWARE

BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS

Minutes – October 1, 2004

Approved November 5, 2004

The Delaware Board of Geologists held a meeting on Friday, October 1, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., in Conference Room B, Second Floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

**PRESENT:**

William S. Schenck, Professional Member, President  
Steven M. Smailer, Professional Member, Vice President  
Jerome Cooper, Public Member  
Dana Long, Public Member  
Theodore Ressler, Public Member  
Eric Trinkle, Professional Member  
Stephen Williams, Professional Member  
Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General  
Caitlin Mears, Administrative Specialist II

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Schenck called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Mr. Smailer made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2004 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Senate Bill 229**

Members of the Board continued work on compiling a list of crimes that are substantially related to the fitness or ability to perform one or more of the functions of a geologist in compliance with Senate Bill 229.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Applications for Licensure**

James Peter Sposito's application for licensure by reciprocity from Pennsylvania was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Williams initiated discussion of Mr. Sposito's education. Mr. Smailer inquired if the review process conducted by the state of Pennsylvania was substantially similar to that of Delaware. Mr. Schenck offered to make inquiries of the review process conducted by the state of Pennsylvania prior to granting licensure to Mr. Sposito. Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve this application for licensure contingent upon Mr. Schenck finding Mr. Sposito's education to be satisfactory. The motion was carried by Mr. Schenck, Mr. Smailer, Mr. Williams, Mr. Long, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Ressler.

Alex Yankaskas' application for licensure by reciprocity from Pennsylvania and Tennessee was reviewed by the Board. The Board also reviewed John Murosko's application for licensure by reciprocity from Virginia. Both applications were in order. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve these applications. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Yankaskas was issued Delaware professional geologist license number S4-0000653 on February 18, 1992. This license remained in good standing until its expiration on September 30, 2002. Mr. Yankaskas has stated that all renewal documents were mailed on July 25, 2002 and has provided copies of the renewal application, continuing education log, and check. The division has no record of receiving these documents, and the check was not cashed. The Board agreed that there was sufficient evidence to reinstate Alex Yankaskas' professional geologist license number S4-0000653.

### **Continuing Education Audit**

After reviewing their continuing education logs, Mr. Schenck made a motion to approve the continuing education submitted by Sonya Ward and Ward Herst. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trinkle and carried unanimously.

Mr. Schenck observed that all of the continuing education submitted by Jeffrey Obrecht relates to engineering. Mr. Schenck recommended granting fourteen (14) hours of continuing education in the category of workshops for the activity on Fido Technologies and made a motion to not renew Mr. Obrecht's license until he provides evidence of an additional ten (10) hours of continuing education related to the field of geology. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smailer and carried unanimously.

John Trypus requested twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education for a course on the design construction of tunnels. The course description provided by Mr. Trypus states 2.1 continuing education units which is equal to 21 continuing education hours. Mr. Trinkle questioned the relationship between the actual construction of the tunnel to the field of geology. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve twenty-one (21) hours. The motion was carried by Mr. Schenck, Mr. Smailer, Mr. Williams, Mr. Long, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Ressler.

The Board reviewed the continuing education log submitted by Raymond Duchaine and found there to be 15.5 continuing education hours related to geology. Mr. Schenck made a motion to not renew Mr. Duchaine's license until he provides evidence of an additional 8.5 hours of acceptable continuing education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the continuing education log submitted by John Strecker, Mr. Schenck made a motion to approve the continuing education and renew Mr. Strecker's license. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper and carried unanimously.

The continuing education log submitted by Elizabeth Rogers documented sixteen (16) hours of continuing education in the field of geology. Mr. Schenck made a motion to not renew Ms. Rogers' license until documentation of eight (8) additional hours of continuing education is provided. [Mr. Ressler was out of the room.] The motion was carried by Mr. Schenck, Mr. Smailer, Mr. Trinkle, Mr. Williams, Mr. Long, and Mr. Cooper.

**Mr. Smailer and Mr. Williams left at 12:49 pm.**

Mr. Schenck made a motion to approve the continuing education submitted by Michael Cole. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ressler and carried unanimously.

Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trinkle, to approve the continuing education submitted by Tucker Moorshead. The motion was carried unanimously.

At the September 3, 2004 meeting of the Delaware Board of Geologists, ten (10) credit hours of continuing education were approved for David Duncklee. Additional documentation supports an additional six (6) credit hours. Mr. Schenck motioned that the Board not renew this license as only sixteen (16) hours of continuing education in geology were documented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper and carried unanimously.

143<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session

At the suggestion of James Collins, Director of the Division of Professional Regulation, the Board discussed what legislation could benefit the field of geology. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trinkle, to further discuss educational requirements as stated in the Delaware Code at next month's meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Schenck made a motion to table discussion of graduate work as work experience and the requirements to sit for the ASBOG exam for a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper and carried unanimously.

Other Business (for discussion only)

Mr. Schenck received a call from the ASBOG executive committee. They would like to meet in Delaware in August 2005. Mr. Schenck suggested that this meeting take place in Wilmington to better accommodate the ASBOG members.

Mr. Schenck will be attending the ASBOG national meeting in Boise, Idaho from November 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup>. Professional members may want to submit questions to the Council of Exam.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2004

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ressler, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried, and the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caitlin Mears  
Administrative Specialist II